



# United States Department of the Interior

## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Washington, D.C. 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:

DIRECTOR'S ORDER NO. 178

Subject: Establishment and Use of Land Value as Match

**Sec. 1 What is the purpose of this Order?** This Order provides guidance for the establishment and use of land value as match for grants under the Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration Programs.

**Sec. 2 To whom does this Order apply?** This Order applies to all Service personnel who administer grants funded through the Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration Programs.

**Sec. 3 What are the authorities for taking this action?**

- a. 16 U.S.C. 777.
- b. 16 U.S.C. 669.
- c. 43 CFR 12.64.
- d. 43 CFR 12.71.
- e. 50 CFR 80.12.
- f. 50 CFR 80.14.
- g. 50 CFR 80.15.

**Sec. 4 How is the value of a parcel of land to be used as match established?** The State identifies a parcel of land that will be used as match in a grant proposal. A "parcel" is a discrete piece of land as described in a recorded deed. Market value for the parcel is determined by an approved appraisal at the time the value determined by the approved appraisal is incorporated into a grant proposal as match for the grant.

**Sec. 5 Can the value of a parcel of land in excess of that required for match in a grant agreement be used in a subsequent grant?** Yes. If the entire value of a parcel of land is not used as match during a grant agreement, the value used as match is subtracted from the total value of the identified parcel, and the remaining value becomes available for match in subsequent grants consistent with this Order.

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**Sec. 6 What restrictions apply to a parcel of land that is used as match in a grant proposal?** The entire parcel described in the grant proposal becomes subject to rules and regulations of the Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration Programs at the time some portion of the value of the parcel is used as match in the initial grant agreement. At the time of the initial grant agreement, a covenant must be incorporated on the deed ensuring the entire parcel is used for the purposes of the Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration Programs in perpetuity.

**Sec. 7 How can States use the remaining value of land for match?** The remaining value of a parcel of land may be used as match for subsequent grants provided that the:

- a. Purpose does not conflict with the scope and purpose of the original grant proposal.
- b. Value of the match is an allowable and applicable cost.
- c. Remaining value of the land used as match has not been used for match for any other Federal grants.
- d. State maintains records that substantiate the remaining value available for match.

**Sec. 8 What is the effective date of this Order?** This Order is effective immediately. We will include the contents of this Order in Part 522 of the Fish and Wildlife Service Manual. This Order will expire on September 30, 2005, unless amended, superseded, or revoked.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Williams", written in a cursive style.

DIRECTOR

Date: September 28, 2004